

# THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE APRIL/MAY 2005

## MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE VVFC PROGRAM

VVFC is now offering meningococcal conjugate vaccine and meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine to VVFC providers. Eligible groups are as follows:

**Meningococcal CONJUGATE (MCV4):** *adolescents aged 11-18 years old with priority given to those listed below if available supplies are limited:*

- Adolescents 11-18 years old traveling to countries in which *N. meningitidis* is hyperendemic or endemic
- Adolescents 11-18 years old with terminal complement deficiencies and those with anatomic/functional asplenia
- Adolescents 11-18 years old who are infected with HIV
- Adolescents 11-12 years old at their preadolescent assessment visit
- Adolescents at high school entry (aged 15 years) who were not vaccinated at the preadolescent visit
- College freshmen who live in dormitories

**Meningococcal POLYSACCHARIDE (MPSV4):**

- Children and adolescents 2-18 years old traveling to countries in which *N. meningitidis* is hyperendemic or endemic
- Children and adolescents 2-18 years old with terminal complement deficiencies and those with anatomic or functional asplenia
- Children and adolescents 2-18 years old who are infected with HIV
- College freshmen who live in dormitories

Generally, only a single dose of either vaccine is recommended. The MCV4 available in the United States is currently licensed for use in persons aged 11-18 years within the VFC program. MPSV4 is recommended for use in persons aged 2-10 years and MCV4 is recommended for vaccinations of persons aged 11-18 years, although the use of MPSV4 is also acceptable.

If the patient remains at high risk, revaccination may be considered within 3-5 years. It is anticipated that more data will become available within the next 5 years to guide recommendations on revaccination for person who were previously vaccinated with MCV4.

*A new order form and VIS statement are enclosed.*



## VACCINE HOLDS

Does your facility have a hold on your vaccine orders? It is possible if you had inadequate temperatures on your last quality assurance visit or if you are delinquent in submitting required paperwork. If you had poor temperatures in your freezer, your facility is given 3 months to submit a temperature log with correct temperatures. If your hold is due to poor refrigerator temperatures, then you have 6 months. If delinquent in submitting required paperwork, then all you have to do it fax it to us! Call your consultant if you would like to know more about vaccine order holds.



### Exceptional Immunization Rates



*Augusta Pediatrics, Fishersville  
Inova Pediatric Center, Annandale  
Lewis-Gale Clinic, L.L.C., Salem  
Olde Towne Pediatrics, Manassas  
The Pediatric Group, Fairfax  
Vienna Pediatrics, Vienna*

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*ABC Pediatrics, Hampton  
ABC Pediatrics, PLLC, Fredericksburg  
Practice of Dr. Adawadkar, Dale City  
CMG - Pediatrics Specialists, Norfolk  
Lonesome Pine Pediatrics, Big Stone Gap  
Metropolitan Pediatrics, Arlington  
Ped & Adol Health Partners, Midlothian  
Prince William Pediatrics, Inc., Manassas  
Practice of Dr. Sapra, Norton  
Sentara VA Beach General Hospital, VA Beach  
Southside Pediatrics, P.C., Keysville  
Tidewater Pediatric Consultants, PC, Norfolk*

## TIDBITS OF INFO...

- The national immunization hotline is now 1-800-CDC-INFO. Be sure to have the updated VIS before reprinting. There is no need to discard existing stock, as the publication dates have not changed.
- Advanced Influenza vaccine orders were due on April 5th for 2005-06.
- Thermometers should be certified and you should know where to locate the certificate that came with the thermometer for QA visits.

